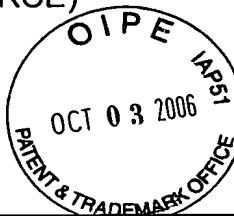


**Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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Application Number	10/022,390
Filing Date	December 17, 2001
First Named Inventor	Manuel Vega et al.
Group Art Unit	1633
Examiner Name	Riggins, Patrick S.
Customer Number	20985
Attorney Docket Number	17109-003001/912

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Enclosed is a check for the fee for filing the RCE and for a three-month extension of time. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those set forth below, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 905.00 is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Stephanie Seidman	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	33,779
Signature		Date	October 3, 2006

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"**

I hereby certify that this paper and any attached papers are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" under "Express Mail" Mailing Label Number EV 740120915 US envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Name (Print/Type)	Stephanie Seidman	Date	October 3, 2006
Signature			